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FOREIGN NEWS ON CITRUS FRUIT

SMALLER SHIPMENTS OF PORTO RICAN GRAPEFRUIT EXPECTED

The shipments of grapefruit from Porto Rico are expected to amount to about 690,000 boxes during the present season, according to a report just received from Mr. H. C. Henricksen of the Porto Rico Agricultural Experiment Station. This figure was arrived at after circularizing the grapefruit producers of the Island. The actual shipments during 1925-26 amounted to 809,000 boxes. Of the total shipments this year the growers expect to ship 300,000 boxes before November 1. about 240,000 boxes between November 1 and May 1, and the remainder between May 1 and July 1.

The progress of the Porto Rican grapefruit industry is shown in the following table which gives the number of trees, both bearing and non-bearing, over a period of years:

Mumber of Grapefruit Trees in Porto Rico

Year	Bearing	: Non-bearing	: Total
1910	113,000	: 115,000	; 228,000
1920	215,000	: 111,000	326,000
1925	220,000	50,000	270,000
1926	221,000	78,000	299,000

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